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SUBJECT: PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR AGAIN SPEAKS ON CANAL

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1. THE THREE LIMA DAILIES LA CRONICA, LA PRENSA AND EL COMERCIO OF MAY 14 REPORT THAT PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR BORIS MORENO ADDRESSED THE PERUVIAN DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY MAY 13 ON THE SUBJECT OF "THE FOREIGN POLICY OF PANAMA IN ITS FIGHT FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION." THE DAILIES REPORT THAT MORENO REITERATED PANAMA'S GRIEVANCES AND POSITION ON THE CANAL NEGOTIATIONS. LA CRONICA AND LA PRENSA WITHOUT QUOTING MORENO DIRECTLY REPORT THAT HE CLAIMED U.S. BASES (IN THE CANAL ZONE) ARE USED TO CRUSH LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN LATIN AMERICA. MORENO REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE BASES WERE USED IN THE 1965 INTERVENTION IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND FOR THE TRAINING OF "GREEN BERETS" WHO WERE ALLEGEDLY SENT TO BOLIVIA IN 1967 AND CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEATH OF "CHE" GUEVARA. ACCORDING TO LA PRENSA MORENO SAID THE ONLY AND BEST DEFENSE OF THE CANAL WOULD BE ITS EFFECTIVE NEUTRALIZATION.

2. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW HOW FULLY MORENO'S REPORTED REMARKS REFLECT THE POSITION OF HIS GOVERNMENT, BUT THEY SEEM TO GO EVEN BEYOND WHAT HE HAS SAID HERE PREVIOUSLY.

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